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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re the Application of: NAKAYAMA, Akitaka, et al.

Serial No.: 09/715,081

Group Art Unit: 3653

Examiner: Jeffery A. Shapiro

Filed: November 20, 2000

P.T.O. Confirmation No.: 7823

For: **PRODUCTION SYSTEM FOR PRINTED WIRING BOARD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

July 25, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated **February 28, 2003**, extended to July 28, 2003 by a two-month Petition for Extension of Time, and subsequent to the Request for Continued Examination filed herewith, please amend the above-identified application as follows: